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MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2002 AT 2:00 P.M

**MPO GOVERNING BOARD**

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER  
111 NW FIRST STREET  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128  
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBER

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- May 23, 2002 Meeting

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- B. **VANPOOL PROGRAM CONTRACT**  
RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND VPSI, INC. FOR THE OPERATION OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL PROGRAM

- C. **GENERAL PLANNING CONSULTANT CONTRACT AMENDMENT**  
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**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA  
GOVERNING BOARD**

**MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2002 AT 2:00 P.M.**

**STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER  
111 NW FIRST STREET  
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**SUMMARY MINUTES**

Chairperson Margolis called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. In addition to Chairperson Margolis, the following members were present at the initiation of the meeting:

Jose "Pepe" Cancio	Natacha Seijas
Betty T. Ferguson	Jose Smith
Raul Martinez	Katy Sorenson

Non-voting members present: Mr. Gary Donn, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Bill Johnson, Assistant County Manager, Jose-Luis Mesa, MPO Secretariat, and Robert A. Cuevas, Assistant County Attorney.

The following Board members arrived after the meeting commenced and during the citizen's presentation:

Bruno A. Barreiro	Joe Martinez
Barbara Carey-Shuler	Dorin D. Rolle
Joe. J. Celestin	Javier D. Souto
Perla T. Hantman	

After their arrival, a quorum was present.

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Board Member Martinez moved the approval of the agenda, and Board Member Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board Member Celestin moved the approval of the minutes of May 23, 2002, and Chairperson Margolis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### III. DISCUSSION ITEM

#### A. **THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN** (*Presentation by Miami-Dade Mayor Alex Penelas*)

Miami-Dade Mayor Alex Penelas provided the Board with a brief power point presentation of the Peoples' Transportation Plan (*A copy of this presentation is available at the MPO Secretariat*).

Mayor Penelas informed the Board that the first premise in the process was to develop a plan by seeking advise and ideas from the public. He further stated that the goal was to allow the public to fill in the blanks and decide what they wanted. He also stated that over fifty public meetings were held around Miami-Dade County in an effort to reach the public. He further informed the Board that a tri-lingual, Spanish, English, and Creole, website was created and received over 100,000 hits to date. He also stated that the Plan called for the creation of a Citizen Independent Transportation Trust that will function as a truly independent body separate from the government. He concluded by explaining to the Board that the Trust would have significant powers over the use and expenditure of the surtax proceeds.

Board Member Celestin requested clarity on the kind of relief the Plan offered to Miami-Dade residents against Broward residents who commute to Miami-Dade regularly. He explained that he foresees a Plan that would offer incentives for Broward residents to leave their cars at a park and ride station before entering into Miami- Dade. He further explained that a transit system that operates every 15 minutes should be implemented instead of the current 45 minutes transit system. He also stated that the parking fees downtown should be high enough that would deter people from parking downtown. Mayor Penelas responded that the sales tax would also affect the Broward County residents who commute to Miami-Dade and spend money here. He also stated that the Plan addressed some of the suggestions that Board Member Celestin made. He further clarified that the Plan would address Miami-Dade/ Broward bus lines through enhancement of the routes. He concluded by stating that a park and ride garage on county line road should be looked into further. Board Member Barreiro added that the North-Dade Corridor and Biscayne Boulevard both have plans with consideration to include a park and ride lot. Board Member Celestin stated that the security should be investigated further in these park and ride lots.

Mr. Danny Alvarez, Director of Miami-Dade Transit, further stated that the Plan also envisioned expanding I-95 express bus services to midday along with the current rush hour services offered. He further stated that

the Plan would also provide for a Red Road Max that would accommodate the North West Dade population up to South Broward. Mayor Penelas clarified to the Board that the Plan called for 89 miles of rapid transit services. He further stated that although the Plan will mention neighborhoods, the MPO Board would be responsible for deciding the actual corridors and routes to receive funds.

Board Member Celestin requested clarity on the relationship between the Citizen Trust and the MPO Board. Mr. Bob Cuevas, Assistant County Attorney, responded that the Citizen Trust would not have any authority over the MPO because federal law established the MPO Board. The Mayor further clarified that the Trust was more connected with the role of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) than the MPO Board.

Board Member Cancio requested clarity on the advertisement of the Plan. He further stated that a campaign should be done. He later stated that the BCC and MPO Board should chose a day to use public transit to promote the transit system. Mayor Penelas responded that the BCC would have to address that. He further stated that he would not be involved with the fundraising or campaigning of this Plan.

Board Member Sorenson requested clarity on the sidewalks that were mentioned in the Plan. Mayor Penelas responded that the Plan had been revised to remove the sidewalks that were not federally eligible.

Board Member Sorenson requested clarity on whether the Jitney services had been considered in the Plan. Mayor Penelas responded that the MPO Board would have to decide that. He further stated that he fully support having competitive bids for routes and felt it should be considered further. Mr. Jose-Luis Mesa, MPO Secretariat, stated that the Jitney Study should be presented to the MPO Board at its September meeting.

Chairperson Margolis stated that the usage of water taxis and utilizing the waterways in the Miami area is a good option to investigate further. Board Member Souto added that Miami have the system in place already, canals, which could be used to transport. He further stated that the feasibility of incorporating water taxis should be investigated further.

Board Member Smith requested clarity on the realistic projections of funds that could be received from the federal government and its weight on the projected goals of projects. He further requested clarity on how much the Plan depended on these funds. Mayor Penelas responded that the Plan is based on a 5% annual growth of the sales tax. In addition, the Plan is based on the assumption that a 50% match for the capital side of rail to take place with the exclusion of buses. He further stated that this assumption included the County assuming all expenses for operation and

maintenance. He concluded by stating that if the assumptions were not met than the plan would have to be cut back.

Board Member Smith requested a financial projection from the Mayor's office. Mayor Penelas stated that he would provide it.

Board Member R. Martinez expressed concern that the projects already listed in the Federal list as unfunded would not remain on the list with high priority. He further suggested that the Congressional leaders become involved early. He further stated that the current congressional influence is not the same as it was when Metrorail was first built. He concluded by stating that the investment should be in the East/West, the North Dade Corridor, and other places in Dade that would help the residents of Miami-Dade to feel more comfortable. He further concluded that participating municipalities should pass a resolution as such.

Mayor Penelas introduced to the Board Mr. Dwayne Gibson to provide the Board with detailed information pertaining to the concerns of the Board regarding the federal process. Mr. Gibson informed the Board that there were no guarantees that the Tea-21 Legislation would be reauthorized on time or at all. He further stated that the hearing schedule, markup schedule, and internal schedule were all on track for reauthorization that would happen on time, October 2003. He further stated that the House would probably consider reauthorization on Memorial Day of next year. He also stated that there was no certainty on the level of funding for transit. He further informed the Board that the level of funding usually would be the same at a minimal. He concluded by stating that the request for lists of projects by the Chair would take place in January 2003.

Board Member R. Martinez requested clarity on how many Delegation members sit on any of the Congressional Transportation Committees. Board Member Barreiro responded none from Miami-Dade. Mayor Penelas added that Congresswomen Meek was very clear on her interest and support of the North Dade 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor. He further stated that Congressman Diaz-Balart has expressed similar interest for the East/West Corridor.

Board Member Celestin requested clarity on whether there was a Plan B that offered examples of the projects that would be cut back in case the 50% match assumption isn't met. He further stated that the Plan should portray how the surtax funds would be used if the expected federal funds were not received. Mayor Penelas responded that the MPO Board would have to decide the projects to support and where to scale back. He further stated that the MPO should come up with a 44-mile Plan that would portray the results of not receiving the expected amount of federal funding. Mr. Mesa responded that the MPO currently has a Plan, which

list projects in the unfunded section. Board Member Seijas stated that a Plan B should be detailed to portray projects that would benefit from the taxes without federal funding. She concluded by stating that a Plan B should be drafted by the same authors of Plan A and should not be done by the MPO. Mr. Alvarez stated that a Plan B would be composed to display the scaling back of projects in the event the anticipated federal funds are not received.

Chairperson Margolis suggested that the language be formulated and given to the lobbyist to include in the Federal language.

Board Member Ferguson stated that the community feared that reprioritizing of projects would happen after the sales tax was passed and they would not have any say in how the reprioritizing would be done. She further clarified that the community wanted a list that would show projects and their priority. She also stated that the community was interested in knowing how and where the money would be spent beforehand. She further stated that having a Plan B displaying what will happen if no federal funding is received was very important. She concluded by stating her community had expressed concern with the priority given to the North Corridor in relation to the East/West Corridor. Chairperson Margolis stated that with the tax there would be an abundant of money to accommodate both the East/West Corridor and the North Dade Corridor. Board Member Barreiro stated that if the Plan goes as proposed it would be able to fund both projects easily.

#### **IV. MEMBER, VACANCY, ATTENDANCE, AND DEMOGRAPHICS REPORT**

##### **1. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)**

Mr. Frank Hernandez, CTAC Chairperson, respectfully reminded the Board of the CTAC vacancies that needed to be filled. He further informed the Board that Mr. Clinton Forbes, MPO Project Manager, had a list of interested citizens who wished to serve on CTAC. He also stated that CTAC had been working closely with the Mayor's Office and Board Member Barreiro on the dedicated source for transportation issue. He concluded by stating that CTAC would like to present their resolutions to the Board for action at its next scheduled meeting.

##### **2. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)**

No report was presented.

**3. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(BPAC) VACANCY LIST**

No report was presented.

**IV. ACTION ITEM**

**A. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)  
AMENDMENT**

*RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY 2002 TRANSPORTATION  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE BOTH THE OVERTOWN  
AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE OVERTOWN SIGNAGE  
PROGRAM PROJECTS (PUBLIC HEARING)*

Chairperson Margolis opened the public hearing. Chairperson Margolis closed the public hearing.

Board Member Smith moved the approval of the resolution and Chairperson Margolis seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

**B. VANPOOL PROGRAM CONTRACT**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND VPSI, INC FOR  
THE OPERATION OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL PROGRAM*

Board Member Barreiro moved for the approval of the resolution. Chairperson Margolis seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

**C. GENERAL PLANNING CONSULTANT CONTRACT  
AMENDMENT**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MPO GENERAL  
PLANNING CONSULTANT CONTRACT MODIFYING ITS DURATION  
AND ALLOCATION*

Board Member Cancio moved for the approval of the resolution. Board Member Celestin seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

**VI. REPORTS**

**A. MEMBERS**

- B. MANAGER
- C. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT)
- D. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY
- E. SECRETARIAT

(No discussion on report items A, B, C, D & E)

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.